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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0377

INFO AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CPAS, APER, LY, TS

SUBJECT: PASSPORTS: TRADE-OFF OFFICIAL VISAS/ENTRY?

REF: TRIPOLI 0980

1. AT MY REQUEST, CONSOFF DID NOT ASK ORFANLI UNTIL AUG 1 ABOUT THE MFA RESPONSE TO THE IDEA OF A TRADE-OFF OF OFFICIAL VISAS/ENTRY. ORFANLI SAID THIS IDEA "BEING DISCUSSED" AND REPLY IS PROMISED BY AUG 5.

2. WE DOUBT MFA'S REPLY OF AUG 5, IF ANY, WILL BE FAVORABLE. MEANWHILE, ASSUME WE CANNOT KEEP BREDECK ON A STRING AT TUNIS INDEFINITELY. PROPOSE TO RELEASE HIM IF TUNIS NOT INFORMED OTHERWISE BY COB AUG 6.

3. ABDULHAMID TAYAR, CULTURAL COUNSELOR OF LIBYAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON, IS IN TRIPOLI FOR CURRENT CONFERENCE OF LIBYAN STUDENTS ABROAD. TAYAR HAS MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISA WHICH STILL VALID (BUT SO DID COUNTRYMAN WHEN HE WAS EXCLUDED FROM LIBYA). OCCURS TO US THAT WE MIGHT FIND SOME LEVERAGE IN THIS SITUATION. WOULD HARDLY PICK ON TAYAR IF WE HAD A CHOICE, AS HE HAS BEEN USEFUL TO USG, WE UNDERSTAND, IN SOLVING MANY PROBLEMS WITH LIBYAN STUDENTS IN U.S. BUT WE DO NOT HAVE A CHOICE SO FAR AS TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY ARE CONCERNED.

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4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S COMMENTS ON THIS
IDEA AND WHETHER WE COULD BE AUTHORIZED TO SAY TO
MFA THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, TAYAR OUGHT TO "DELAY" HIS
RETURN TO WASHINGTON UNTIL OUR OFFICIAL-STAFFING AND
TDY PROBLEMS SHOW SOME SIGNS OF EASING. THIS IMPLIES,
OF COURSE, THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE CAUGHT BLUFFING
AND MUST BE PREPARED TO EXCLUDE HIM AT THE U.S.
PORT OF ENTRY IF NECESSARY. (RECALL THAT WHEN EMBASSY
SUGGESTED A SIMILAR TACTIC RE COURIERS, DEPT THOUGHT
IT RATHER DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE.)
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